

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(MBHB Case No. 05-042)**

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| In the Application of:                  | ) |                       |
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| Karl, Johann et al.                     | ) |                       |
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| Serial No.: 09/720,006                  | ) | Examiner: C. Foster   |
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| Filing Date: December 19, 2000          | ) | Group Art Unit: 1641  |
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| Title: Improvement of Binding Assays by | ) | Confirmation No. 5872 |
| Multi-epitope Analysis and by Combining | ) |                       |
| Antigen and Antibody Determination      | ) |                       |

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Final Office Action dated September 22, 2005, of the primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 44-52.

The item(s) checked below are applicable:

1.   ☒   An extension of time (two months) to respond to the final rejection is required: a petition and fee of \$450.00 are enclosed.
  2.   ☒   A timely response to the final rejection has been filed as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
  3.   ☒   Fee \$500.00 (large entity)
- ☐   Enclosed  
☐   Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)  
☒   Charge fee and/or any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 22, 2006

  
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